

SECTION 22. The following provisions of the Transportation Code are repealed:

- (1) Section 551.401(2);
- (2) Section 663.001(1), as amended by Chapters 131 (S.B. 487) and 895 (H.B. 1044), Acts of the 83rd Legislature, Regular Session, 2013; and
- (3) Section 663.003.

SECTION 23. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

Passed by the House on April 27, 2017: Yeas 141, Nays 3, 3 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 24, 2017: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved June 15, 2017.

Effective September 1, 2017.

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT SERVICES PERFORMED AS VOLUNTEER CARE

CHAPTER 1053

H.B. No. 1978

AN ACT

relating to physician assistant services performed as volunteer care.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 204.2045, Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 204.2045. **VOLUNTEER CARE AND SERVICES PERFORMED DURING DISASTER.** (a) The supervision and delegation requirements of this chapter and Subtitle B do not apply to medical tasks performed by a physician assistant:

(1) during a disaster under the state emergency management plan adopted under Section 418.042, Government Code;

(2) during [;or] a disaster declared by the governor or United States government; or

(3) as a volunteer for a charitable organization or at a public or private event, including a religious event, sporting event, community event, or health fair.

(a-1) This section does not apply to medical tasks performed by a physician assistant for compensation or other remuneration.

(b) A physician assistant performing medical tasks under this section:

(1) is entitled to the immunity from liability provided by Section 74.151, Civil Practice and Remedies Code; and

(2) is acting within the scope of the physician assistant's license for purposes of immunity under Section 84.004(c), Civil Practice and Remedies Code.

(c) A physician assistant may perform tasks described by this section:

(1) under the supervision of any physician who is also performing volunteer work in the disaster, for the charitable organization, or at the public or private event; or

(2) without the supervision of a physician, if a physician is not available to provide supervision.

(d) A physician assistant employed by the United States government or licensed in another state may perform medical tasks in this state in circumstances described by Subsection (a)(1) or (2) [Subsection (a)] without holding a license in this state.

SECTION 2. Section 204.2045, Occupations Code, as amended by this Act, applies only to services performed on or after the effective date of this Act. Services performed before that date are governed by the law in effect on the date the services were performed, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

Passed by the House on April 26, 2017: Yeas 147, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting; the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 1978 on May 24, 2017: Yeas 145, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 23, 2017: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved June 15, 2017.

Effective September 1, 2017.

REQUIREMENTS FOR WITHDRAWAL BY A CERTIFIED SELF-INSURER FROM WORKERS' COMPENSATION SELF-INSURANCE

CHAPTER 1054

H.B. No. 1989

AN ACT

relating to the requirements for withdrawal by a certified self-insurer from workers' compensation self-insurance.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 407.045, Labor Code, is amended by adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

(a-1) For purposes of Subsection (a), an adequate program includes a program in which the certified self-insurer has insured or reinsured all workers' compensation obligations incurred by the self-insurer with an authorized insurer under an agreement that is filed with and approved in writing by the commissioner. The obligations incurred include:

- (1) all known claims and expenses associated with those claims; and*
- (2) all incurred but not reported claims and expenses associated with those claims.*

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

Passed by the House on April 27, 2017: Yeas 144, Nays 0, 3 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 24, 2017: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved June 15, 2017.

Effective September 1, 2017.

ADMINISTRATION OF THE TEXAS CERTIFIED SELF-INSURER GUARANTY TRUST FUND

CHAPTER 1055

H.B. No. 1990

AN ACT

relating to the administration of the Texas certified self-insurer guaranty trust fund.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Sections 407.126(a) and (b), Labor Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) Each member of the association shall be assessed *an annual* [a] fee, based on total amount of income benefits payments made in this state for the preceding reported calendar year, to *maintain* [create, over a period of 10 years beginning January 1, 1998,] a Texas certified self-insurer guaranty trust fund of at least \$2 [\$1] million for the emer-